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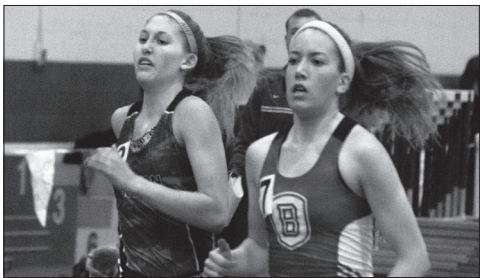
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MONOLOGUES RETURN

The Vagina Monologues will be presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday in Buzzard Auditorium. This year marks the 20th anniversary.

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FINDING HER FOOTING

Freshman Kate Bushue is still new to Eastern track and field, but after a boost in confidence she said she feels like part of the team.

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Faculty Senate hears CGS program update

Charleston City Planner also presents plan for potential bike path

By Brooke Schwartz
Administration Reporter | @brookesch_wartz

David Boggs, the Council on Graduate Studies chair and the assistant chair of management school of business, updated the Faculty Senate on the CGS and its activities and the planners behind the bike path plan presented at the senate’s meeting Tuesday.

Boggs said that, day to day, the biggest thing CGS deals with is the approving of new and updated curriculum.

CGS works closely with the Council on Academic Affairs, as high-level undergraduate courses can also be used as graduate courses and therefore need to be approved by both bodies.

“First Choice is a designation and recognition of graduate programs at Eastern Illinois that achieve high-quality performance, and there’s a bunch of ways that’s evaluated,” Boggs said.

The evaluation looks at the type of students the program is recruiting, specifically looking at quality students with diverse backgrounds, professor qualifications and engagement in their specific area, student research and others, Boggs said.

When a program is designated a First Choice program, that department is given an extra grant as a reward.

Senate members, including economics professor Teshome Abebe and institutional repository librarian Todd Bruns, said they had problems with the First Choice recognition program.

“I think the First Choice program, number



BROOKE SCHWARTZ | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Faculty Senate looks at possible campus bike paths at its meeting on Tuesday. An official path has yet to be chosen, and the discussion is likely to continue until April.

“First choice among what? Everything else is a bad choice? The name itself is a conundrum, at least as far as I’m concerned.”

Economics professor Teshome Abebe, speaking about the evaluation system used for graduate programs at Eastern

one, its marketing has not been of any use to the institution, and it’s ... a political tool by (Robert Augustine, the previous dean of the graduate school),” Abebe said.

He said the first time the economics program applied for First Choice, they were de-

nied, but as soon as Augustine stepped down, they were accepted.

“That’s a political tool,” Abebe said.

Abebe said he was also concerned with the name First Choice and its implications.

“First choice among what?” Abebe said.

“Everything else is a bad choice? The name itself is a conundrum, at least as far as I’m concerned.”

Bruns said he echoed Abebe’s concerns, especially the name given to the program.

“When I am hearing the description of First Choice, what comes to my mind is a sense of competition among graduate programs,” Bruns said. “It seems to imply that some are better than others, and I think actually all of our graduate programs are very substantial.”

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Paint and sip



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Kadija Stallings, the owner of Kadija’s Paint and Sip Session, helps students with their paintings at “Kadija’s Paint and Sip” Tuesday afternoon in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Students came and took a painting class with Stallings, and refreshments were offered.

Micro Wrestling coming to Panther Paw Wednesday

By JJ Bullock
Assistant Sports Editor | @DEN_Sports

Although many fans expect to see a “novelty circus act” when the Micro Wrestling Federation puts on a show, the Federation’s owner Jack Darrell said what audiences are given instead is a WWE-style event filled with top-rope stunts and athleticism.

An exciting action- and drama-packed show is exactly what the Federation hopes to bring to the Panther Paw Wednesday night, when they will perform from 9-11 p.m.

Darrell said most people have never seen a show like the one his company puts on, and that the performers are “legit athletes” who take to the ring and put on a show that features more top-rope stunts than many WWE events.

“(The fans) hear and think one thing, and they leave and think something totally different,” Darrell said. “The whole (stigma) with the word ‘midget’ is negative, and we’re trying to change that.”

The show will feature six wrestlers all under five feet of height. While it is typically more family-oriented, Darrell said the show at the

Panther Paw will be more “adult” and feature more cussing than a usual show.

The show will revolve around a storyline with one performer serving as a “heel” or bad guy, and another character called a “baby face” acting as the good guy, Darrell said.

The type of show the Micro Wrestling Federation puts on is something the Panther Paw’s general manager Tate Jackson said the bar was looking to have at their establishment.

Jackson said he had never really heard of an event like theirs, and thought it would be something no other bar in the area has ever booked before.

Many of the people he has spoken with about the event have sounded excited about it, Jackson said.

The Paw hopes to have an audience of about 300 people for the show.


It came to fruition after Jackson and his father Mark, who owns the Paw, met Darrell at a bar and nightclub trade show in Las Vegas.

Jackson and Darrell kept in touch after Jackson showed interest in booking the Micro Wrestling Federation.

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New plan proposal: Less health coverge for lower premiums

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration Tuesday spelled out a plan to lower the cost of health insurance: give consumers the option of buying less coverage in exchange for reduced premiums.

The proposed regulations would expand an alternative to the comprehensive medical plans required under former President Barack Obama's health law. Individuals could buy so-called "short-term" policies for up to 12 months. But the coverage would omit key consumer protections and offer fewer benefits, making it unattractive for older people or those with health problems.

The plans would come with a disclaimer that they don't meet the Affordable Care Act's safeguards, such as guaranteed coverage, ten broad classes of benefits, and limits on how much older adults have to pay. Insurers could also charge more if a consumer's medical history discloses health problems.

Nonetheless, administration officials said they believe the short-term option will be welcomed by people who need an individual health insurance policy but don't qualify for the ACA's income-based subsidies.

Those in this largely middle-class crowd make too much for subsidies and have absorbed years of price hikes. Some say they now face monthly, mortgage-size payments of well over \$1,000 for health insurance. Then they usually have to pay a deductible of several thousand dollars. Research indicates the uninsured rate among these customers is growing.

Trump administration officials reject the notion that they're trying to undermine the ACA. Instead, they say they are trying to make things more workable for people who are not being helped by the health law.

The administration estimates that only about 100,000 to 200,000 people will drop coverage they now have under the ACA and switch to cheaper short-term policies. They also say they expect short-term plans could attract many people among the estimated 28 million who remain uninsured.

A government economic analysis that accompanied the proposal forecast a moderate increase in premiums

among customers sticking with their ACA plans through HealthCare.gov. Because subsidies are tied to the cost of premiums, taxpayers would end up spending more.

Administration officials said there's no final decision on whether consumers will have a legal right to renew coverage under one of the new short-term plans.

One major health insurance company, United Healthcare, is already positioning itself to market short-term plans.

But others in the industry see them as a niche product for people in life transitions, like being in-between jobs, moving to another state, or retiring before Medicare kicks in.

Consumer advocates say customers should read the fine print carefully to make sure the plan will cover their expected bills.

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The plan doesn't affect people with job-based coverage, still the mainstay for workers and their families.

Man dies in Yellowstone looking for hidden treasure

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A 53-year-old Illinois man who fell to his death in Yellowstone National Park last year was looking for a supposed hidden cache of gold and jewels that has inspired thousands to hunt in vain across remote corners of the Western U.S., according to a report by park authorities.

Billings, Mont., news station KULR-TV reports that Jeff Murphy of Batavia, Illinois, was looking for the treasure that antiquities dealer and author Forrest Fenn said he stashed somewhere in the Rocky Mountains several years ago. Murphy's body was found June 9, 2017. He had fallen about 500 feet (152 meters) down a steep slope. The report ruled the death an accident.

Murphy is one of at least several people who have died while looking for the treasure. Two Colorado men died in New Mexico while searching for it. The deaths have led some to call for an end the treasure hunt. Besides the danger to the treasure hunters, they note that search and rescue efforts for missing treasure hunters are costly.

Decision on Quincy demanded

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A Democratic state senator ripped Gov. Bruce Rauner Tuesday over the Legionnaires' disease crisis at the Quincy veterans home, saying the Republican's administration has been sitting on viable options for more than a year and officials "need to make a decision and get it done."

Sen. William Haine was incensed Rauner cabinet members did not attend a committee hearing to answer questions about an August 2016 report obtained by The Associated Press last week. It showed replacing antiquated plumbing would cost \$8 million, far less than what Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Director Erica Jeffries has repeatedly told lawmakers was the cost listed in the report.

Legionnaires', caused by bacteria in water vapor that's inhaled, has contributed to the deaths of 13

residents at the Quincy home since 2015, and sickened dozens more. The Illinois Department of Public Health announced late Tuesday that another case has been diagnosed, the fourth in a week. One of the new cases includes a veteran who was Rauner's guest at his Jan. 31 State of the State address.

"They have the facts, they need to make a decision and get it done," said Haine, a veteran who was awarded the Bronze Star for combat heroism in Vietnam. "People are suffering with this state of affairs and we're spinning around with alternatives that should have been decided years ago."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has noted in reports since the crisis began in 2015 that decades-old, galvanized steel pipes that have corroded and filled with sediment are likely Legionella bacteria breeding grounds. When WBEZ Chicago reported in December that the malady had returned in 2016 and 2017, contributing to another death last fall, Jeffries said that new plumbing could cost more than \$500 million. When questioned in January, Jeffries said that number was a wild speculation and that an engineering report estimated a cost of \$25 million to \$30 million.

Rauner spokeswoman Rachel Bold said the administration continues "work to eliminate risks to residents" and that "as we solidify our options in coordination with CDC scientists, our plans will be laid out."

U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, an Illinois Democrat, was scheduled to tour the Quincy home Tuesday with CDC staff members. A letter she sent last week urges the CDC to step up its involvement in responding to the problem.

Storm system brings flooding, freezing rain, snow to Midwest

CHICAGO (AP) — A storm system that's brought rain, ice and snow to the Midwest and Great Plains was being blamed for fatal crashes in three states, including an accident that left four dead in Nebraska.

As much as 4 inches of rain fell overnight Monday into Tuesday in the Chicago area, and more rain was falling Tuesday afternoon. The heavy rain combined with melting snow and frozen ground will lead to rising waters on area streams and rivers, forecasters said, creating the potential for flash flooding.

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Weather service officials urged motorists not to drive onto flooded roadways and find alternate routes.

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A memory play told from the point of view of the adult Michael Evans, the narrator. He recounts the summer in his aunt's cottage when he was seven years old.



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Maddie Reiher, a physical geography major, performs her monologue, called “Reclaiming Cunt,” as a part of *The Vagina Monologues* in the Doudna Fine Arts Center in February 2016. The play will be performed again this Thursday and Friday in Buzzard Auditorium.

‘The Vagina Monologues’ to be presented

Staff Report | @DEN_News

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of *The Vagina Monologues*, the play will be presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday in Buzzard Auditorium.

According to a press release, tens of thousands of communities and college campuses have staged V-Day benefit performances of *The Vagina Monologues* – and other artistic works, campaigns and risings– in over 200 countries and territories.

Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults. They can be purchased at the door.

Along with the anniversary of the monologues, the performance will also commemorate the founding of V-Day, a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls.

The press release said V-Day grew out of the play, which was first performed in 1998.

“V-Day activists have raised consciousness, changed laws to protect women and girls, funded rape crisis centers and domestic violence shelters (often times these much-needed funds kept them from closing), educated their communities and raised well over \$100 million in urgently needed funds for groups doing the essential work of ending violence and serving survivors and their families,” the press release states.

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English professor Jeannie Ludlow performs her monologue “My Revolution Begins in the Body” as a part of *The Vagina Monologues* in the Doudna Fine Arts Center in February 2016.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Electronic music expected to play at festival Thursday

Staff Report | @DEN_News

A one-day festival featuring electronic music is coming to the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Thursday.

The 2018 Invitational Mini-Festival is presented in conjunction with Electronic Music Eastern and Electronic Music Midwest. Over 20 composers are coming to Eastern for the mini-festival, which is coordinated by music professor Brad Decker.

The festival will consist of two free concerts, featuring contemporary works by composers from across the Midwest, according to a press release.

These concerts are set for 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Doudna Fine Arts Center theater.

The press release states that both concerts will highlight the works of musicians who are exploring how computer technology and traditional instruments are being used to create music.

“It’s an immersive musical experience,” said Dan Crews, programming director at the Doudna, in the press release. “Many of these composers will be blending video and surround-sound elements.”

Admission to the concert is free and open to the public.

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Gershwin tribute to be featured at ‘Stagestruck’

Staff Report | @DEN_News

A tribute to George Gershwin that includes two of his considered masterpieces will be included in the set of the Eastern Symphony Orchestra concert on Feb. 25.

Music professor Jonathan Bowman will perform “An American in Paris” and “Rhapsody in Blue” as part of this concert at 4 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

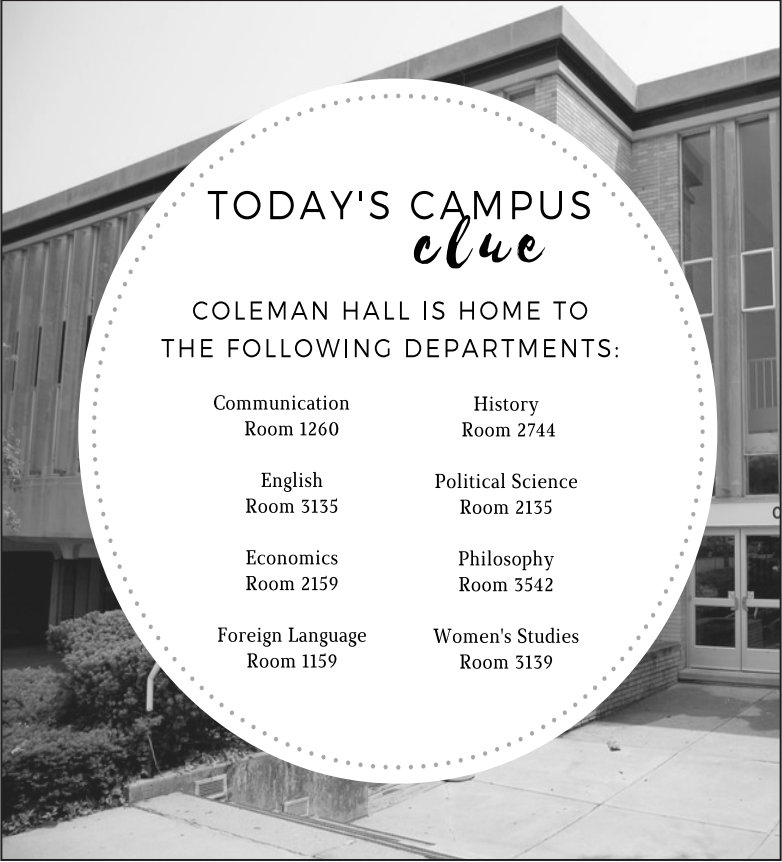
In addition to the Gershwin tribute, the concert will feature music professor and pianist Paul Johnston performing his two original compositions, “Nocturne” and “Suite for Piano and Orchestra,” according to a press release. Eliot Crispin on bass and Craig Buckner on drums will accompany Johnston on the second composition.

2018 Concerto winner pianist Albert Maizel will also perform Sergei Rachmaninoff’s “Piano Concerto No. 2.”

A transfer student, Maizel was born in eastern Russia in 1993 and moved to Israel when he was three years old. He began taking classical piano lessons when he was six. He studied at the Hassadna Music Conservatory in Jerusalem and the Buchmann-Mehta School of Music at Tel Aviv University. Albert came to Eastern in Fall 2016 to study piano performance with Bowman.

Tickets for the Eastern Symphony Orchestra’s Stagestruck concert are \$13 for general admission, \$11 for seniors 62 years and older and \$5 for students. They can be purchased online at www.doudnatix.com or at the Doudna Fine Arts Center Box Office. Box Office hours are Tuesday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and one hour before a scheduled performance.

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Turn your negativity into positive energy

Although we are all threaded together at this university and make up one student body, it is important to remember that we are still individuals cut from different cloths.

And with that comes different burdens to for each person to carry, bumps in the road for each person to pass and challenges for each person to endure.

Behind closed doors, everyone has a battle they are fighting and trying to win.

And when victory seems so far from our grasps, it is easy to succumb to negativity and allow it to fully consume us, extinguishing any and every last bit of hope and happiness we have left.

We at *The Daily Eastern News* join you in this fight, although we may be doing so on different battlefields.

While our efforts may feel like they are barely making a dent against the relentless struggles we find ourselves in our lives, we encourage you to challenge yourselves: do not give up and use the bad things in your life as an excuse to be bad person.

It is fair to say that everyone has found themselves in an unfavorable position. We cannot control everything that happens to us in our lives, but we do have the power to decide how we let these things shape us.

We, along with everyone else, do not expect you to easily take off your armor and say “Hey, world, give me your best shot” and withstand anything life throws your way. We are all humans, of course. We are all allowed to accept defeat without any grace.

But we should not allow ourselves to use it as a reason to view the world and treat others poorly.

Channel the negative energy life is throwing at you and use it to do something positive. Reach out to someone who may be in a similar situation and help each other emerge from it stronger. When it feels like the world is taking too much from you and it is out of your control, choose something you can give back.

Do not underestimate yourself or your ability in the face of struggle. Use the things you cannot control to make you better, not bitter.

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Struggles don't mean you can't succeed

I am sure I am not the only person who can say this spring semester has kicked my butt in more ways than one. I came out of 2017 with a new life perspective and what I thought was a firm grasp on the path I wanted go in my life.

Of course, nothing went as planned, and I had to roll with life's punches as they came. Nearly 10 years of Tae Kwon Do could not prepare for the metaphorical jabs and hits I was about to endure.

My first real punch came during the fall semester. Not only were tuition refunds being dispersed slowly, but Eastern also needed an arm, a leg and the name of my future first-born child in order to give mine to me.

I wrestled with my financial aid, trying to complete every single document they wanted me to fill out and giving them more information about me, my family and my financial situation than I wanted to.

Then it came time to pick out my last schedule for my last semester of college. I was soon going to be free of FAFSAs, exams and long, sleepless nights.

My second punch came when I thought I was on track to graduate in May with just a few classes needed to get my degree. It turned out a few classes meant a full 21-credit class schedule.

That was not what I was expecting from my last semester of college, but despite my usual pattern of cynicism, I saw this as an opportunity to challenge my will and keep myself busy and out of trouble.

So I accepted the challenge and faced the semester head on.

After that debacle, I rang in the new year with the same “new year, new me” attitude



Angelica Cataldo

every person has for the first week of January before returning to old habits and routines.

I was feeling pretty positive until I took my third punch after looking at how much I owed for tuition. Twenty-one credits was not an inexpensive inconvenience, and it certainly made the beginning of my 2018 a little less cheery.

I managed to get my financial and academic situation figured out, and things started to look up. I was still in the ring, and I was not going to tap out now.

Come February, I was handling 21 credits quite well and felt like I had a pretty good handle on things. My parents were supportive, and I had a good circle of friends that kept me from losing my mind.

I felt like could finally take a breath, and I did. That was my first mistake (I promise my complaining has a point).

I got a call from my landlord saying they wanted me out of my apartment building due to much-needed maintenance on the structure.

I hung up the phone after that conversa-

tion (and my metaphorical fourth punch) with my property manager, and my breath of relaxation turned to a long drawn out sigh.

Being nearly 200 miles away from my family and friends and the only one of my close college friends that has a car, this move was going to be a long and hard process.

However, I swore to myself I was going to take every punch with a grain of salt and be positive. So, again, I decided to see this move as an opportunity for a new adventure.

This semester was my scooter to the ankle, and I have the metaphorical bumps and bruises to prove it. I am not saying my struggles this semester are comparable to anyone else's, but I can certainly say that setting aside my usual cynicism and adopting a more positive outlook on life made getting through the hard stuff a lot easier.

The ups and downs are what shapes us as people, and for every moment that gets us down, I assure you there will be another moment to pick you back up. You may just have to seek out that moment rather than waiting for it to find you.

You should not let the negatives stop you from succeeding. Look at it like a challenge and a way for you to grow as a person.

The saying “when life hands you lemons” has never been more relatable, until now, but it has also never been truer.

I took my hits and threw a few of my own. This semester is far from over, but like I said before, I am still in the ring and I will never take a K.O.

Angelica Cataldo is a senior journalism major. She can be reached at 581-2812 or amcataldo@eiu.edu.

Stop overshadowing bad news with good news

During the first century A.D., Emperor Augustus would provide free grain and entertainment to lower-class citizens to make them forget their hunger and displeasure; switch the grain and entertainment for a bronze panther statue, and you have Eastern today.

I am the administration reporter for *The Daily Eastern News*, which means I sit through all the fun meetings normal students do not want to, or do not have the time to keep up with.

These meetings have been emphasizing two conflicting themes; that Eastern is on the rise, or that Eastern has just begun to fall.

One week I have administrators excitedly talking about how Eastern is back, enrollment is up, we finally got a budget for the first time in two years and everything is on the rise.

The next week I'll hear some faculty or staff member, who lost a lot of colleagues

over the past couple of years and is doing the work of six people, share that Eastern is just starting to see the ramifications of the panic-based decisions made before and during the impasse and that Eastern is far from where it could be.

I love my school, but if we continue to glorify and praise every kernel of good news we hear while ignoring the thousands of problems starting to surface around campus, improvement is going to take longer than it should.

I understand the desire to be happy, the need to hold on to any hopeful news after the dreadful past couple of years, I do.

We should always hold on to hope, but we cannot let that hope blind us to all the work Eastern still has to do.

So stop making committees, get plans out of a cramped office and into action, start campus-wide discussions about the problems still facing Eastern instead of trying to hide them and pretend they don't ex-

ist.

There is a dire need for us to love and care for this university exactly as it is now, not the vision we have for what it could become.

Eastern is not a \$3,785 bronze panther statue. It is not shiny enrollment numbers or completely-filled dorms and offices.

Eastern is the paint that is currently peeling off dormitory walls; it is the barely-working computers and the quiet in faculty lounges as they slowly emptied out over the years.

I love my school, and if you love it too, you will stop trying to make it something it's not and you will work off what we have right now: the good, the bad and the ugly.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

"Brass and Brew" to feature music, drinks

Staff Report | @DEN_News

The EIU Graduate/Faculty Brass Quintet will perform at “Brass and Brew” from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Charleston Country Club.

The event is hosted by the Academy of Lifelong Learning and will feature music, conversation and microbrew offerings, according to a press release.

The EIU Graduate/Faculty Brass Quintet will offer musical selections that will match a variety of regional microbrews available for purchase at the event.

Eastern Provost Jay Gatrell will also give a brief program on the geography of beer.

The event is free and open to the public with food and drink available for purchase.

For more information about the Academy of Lifelong Learning, those interested can visit www.eiu.edu/adulted/all.php, or contact the phone number (217) 581-5114.

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» Wrestling

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The two sides worked out a date when the performers would be passing through the Illinois area, eventually agreeing on Feb.21, Jackson and Darrell said.

General admission tickets will be available at the door for \$25.

Those who want to attend must be 21 years or older.

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David Boggs is the chair of the Council on Graduate Studies as well as the assistant chair of the Lumpkin School of Business. He updated the Faculty Senate on the council’s duties and recent actions at the senate’s meeting on Tuesday.

» Senate

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Biological sciences professor Billy Hung said he thought a reward program, but without monetary value, might be a better solution for Eastern.

Also presented at the senate were the potential bike paths through campus that was presented to the Student Senate earlier in the year.

Steve Pamperin, the city planner for Charleston, said the bike path is meant to be functional as well as a way to show off campus.

“We don’t just want to make this a transportation (from) A to B, but we want to make it interesting as people are going,” Pamperin said.

Pamperin said he hopes to have a set plan

put forward before the city council in April, with different plans still being considered for the through-campus trail.

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Jazzin’ out



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Members of the Blue Note Sextet take a bow after performing during the “Jazz Combos” Tuesday night in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.



Courtland Walters (left) and Alex Lang (right), members of the Vanguard Quintet, perform during the “Jazz Combos” Tuesday night in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.



Levi Armstrong (left) and Noah Chubb (right), members of the Birdland Quintet, perform Tuesday night during the “Jazz Combos” in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The New York Times
Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0117

- ACROSS**
1 ___ Express (Boston-to-Washington connection)
6 Site of Zeno’s teaching
10 Prefix with -logical
14 Close-fitting head covering
15 Congers, e.g.
16 Salmon at a deli
17 Some evidence collected for trials
19 Birdbrain
20 Texting alternative
21 Boatloads
23 Police, informally
26 Part of a doctor’s visit
27 Blizzard results
28 Lyrist of myth
30 Lead-in to dog or horse
32 Made a fast stop?
- 33 Towel
35 Tel ___
37 The works
40 ___ Mae (bond)
41 Scruff
42 Madre’s hermana
43 Wall-E’s love in “Wall-E”
44 Submarine commander of fiction
46 It’s often played before playing
48 Rule, informally
49 Solidify
50 Tranquil
51 “Hurray!”
53 Question before a name is repeated
55 Circuitry connectors
56 Standard equipment on most cars
59 Website with step-by-step tutorials
61 Solidify
- 62 A little behind
63 Bad-mouth
65 Pasta used in soups and salads
66 Maker’s mark?
71 Asian vessels
72 Tolkien character
73 Turkish money
74 Reason to see an ophthalmologist
75 Need for a modern pentathlon
76 High-tech package delivery method

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- DOWN**
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- 1 Do some arithmetic
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- 2 One side of a debate
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- 3 Word after many a president’s name
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- 4 Zap, in a way
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- 5 *Baseball, according to some
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- 6 Old photo tones
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- 7 * “A likely story!”
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- 8 “Hurray!”
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- 9 Longtime Syrian strongman
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- 10 Sense
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- 11 Warm winter coat contents ... or what is present in the answer to each starred clue?
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- 12 Give the boot
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- 13 Vows
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- 18 Upper limit, for short

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- PUZZLE BY JULES P. MARKEY
- 22 *Dystopian novel set in the year 2540

23 Book that a bookkeeper keeps

24 Achieve great success

25 *Sports legend who was an M.V.P. for eight consecutive seasons

29 Boatload

31 Director DuVernay

34 Sense

36 Hoppy brews

38 Mortgagor, e.g.

39 Unlikeliest to be bought

45 Do some lawn work

47 Grueling Olympic race, for short

52 Melodic

54 “Now that makes sense!”

56 Retards

57 Deck with 78 cards

58 Its symbol is ORD

60 Elect (to)

64 Genre for “Chinatown” or “The Big Sleep”

67 Whelp


68 One side of a debate

69 Solo on the silver screen


70 Cornell-to-Yale dir.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

Belmont clinches top conference spot

By JJ Bullock
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There are only two spots in the OVC women's basketball standings that are secure with two games left to play this season, the first-place spot and the last-place spot, the rest of the OVC standings rest on thin ice and could very well crack before the season's end.

Belmont clinched the No. 1 seed in the OVC tournament with their current 16-0 record. Eastern secured a place at the bottom of the standings after its most recent loss to Tennessee-Martin on Saturday put them at a 1-15 record.

Outside of the Panthers and the Bruins, the conference's other 10 teams have some serious jockeying for positions to do before the end of the regular season.

Tennessee-Martin and Southern Illinois Edwardsville are in a tie for second place with 12-4 records.

The Skyhawks will finish their season with road games against Morehead State on Thursday and Southeast Missouri on Saturday.

Southern will wrap up its season with a home game against Austin Peay on Thursday and will travel to Eastern on Saturday.

The Cougars clearly have the easier two games to finish the season, as they will play teams with worse records and will not be on the road for both like the Skyhawks.

With a record of 10-6, Morehead State sits in fifth place behind Jacksonville State (11-5) and will be watching the Gamecocks very closely on Thursday.

Morehead State on Thursday will have no walk in the park when they play Tennessee-Martin, but that game will be unquestionably easier than Jacksonville State's Thursday game with Belmont.

Following that, Morehead State will play Eastern Kentucky (5-11) on Saturday, Jacksonville State will play Tennessee Tech (3-13).

Austin Peay and Southeast Missouri are in a tie for the sixth and seventh seeds in the conference, both with 8-8 records.

The two teams will both play teams with 12-4 records to finish their seasons and the other games

coming against teams with 5-11 and 6-10 records.

Austin Peay plays Southern on Thursday and then plays Murray State (6-10) on Saturday.

Southeast Missouri plays Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee-Martin for its last two games.

The similarity between their remaining schedules means neither team has any room for error and could see the need for a tiebreaker at the season's end.

Murray State holds the eighth and final tournament spot, but only holds a one game lead over Eastern Kentucky and a two-game lead over Tennessee State (4-12) for that final spot.

That makes the match between Murray State and Austin Peay extremely pivotal for both teams. Murray State will play Eastern on Thursday, which could be a game it can give itself for some cushion in the standings.

By the end of Saturday, the OVC standings could be almost recognizable or have the possibility to change very little.

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Women's standings

- 1.)Belmont (26-3, 16-0 OVC)
- 2.)Tennessee-Martin (16-12, 12-4 OVC)
- 3.)SIUE (15-12, 12-4 OVC)
- 4.)Jacksonville State (17-10, 11-5 OVC)
- 5.)Morehead State (19-10, 10-6 OVC)
- 6.)Austin Peay (15-12, 8-8 OVC)
- 7.)Southeast Missouri (13-15, 8-8 OVC)
- 8.)Murray State (10-17, 6-10 OVC)
- 9.) Eastern Kentucky (8-17, 5-11 OVC)
- 10.)Tennessee State (6-19, 4-12 OVC)
- 11.)Tennessee Tech (6-21, 3-13 OVC)
- 12.)Eastern (2-25, 1-15 OVC)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | OPINION

Changes ahead for women's basketball

On Jan. 13, Eastern's women's basketball team lost to Belmont 58-86 in a 28-point rout at Lantz Arena.

Following three quarters in which the Panthers allowed Belmont to shoot 47.37 percent from the field, the Bruins opened up the fourth quarter on a 9-0 run, a portentous omen for what would become an eleven game Panthers losing streak.

Apart from the team's anemic efforts on defense, Eastern came up short in just about every measure, allowing the Bruins to accrue extra possessions, evident considering the fact that the Bruins rank first in defensive rebounds this season.

These disparities, whether offensive or defensive in nature, have appeared quite frequently this year.

With 27 games in the rearview mirror and two games left to close out the season, the Panthers will look to fine tune any mechanical breakdowns during this final stretch.

These adjustments serve little use this season, but might very well fast track Eastern's rebuilding process ahead of the 2018-19 campaign, when the Panthers take on a highly anticipated freshmen class.

For a team to solidify a spot in the OVC tournament, which will be played at the Ford Center in Evansville, Ind. this year, it must assemble a vehicle with all of the appropriate parts.

Intent on making deep playoff runs, the Pan-



Tom O'Connor

thers' last two opponents, Murray State and Southern Illinois Edwardsville, have consistently made the playoffs over the past 15 years.

After joining the Ohio Valley Conference in 2011, the Cougars, the third best team in the league at the moment, have clinched a tournament spot each of the last six seasons.

As Eastern updates its model for next season, there will be several areas worth addressing in the offseason.

One, Eastern must engineer an ability to beat the full court press, a strategy opponents have utilized against the Panthers to great success.

The Panthers' narrow loss to Tennessee Tech, who beat the Panthers by a score of 60-57, came down to an inability to withstand pressure and cre-

ate scoring opportunities when the Eagles used this defensive scheme.

Before Eastern shifted into cruise control, the Panthers had a clear edge over the Eagles, who lacked any cohesiveness on offense whatsoever.

Until the Panthers gain continuity on the offensive side of the ball, few leads will be safe from an unanticipated comeback.

Perhaps the Panthers could look to implement a dribble drive offense on a more consistent basis which has, for the most part, opened up additional scoring chances this year.

This innovative play takes place when four players spread out in the half court, with one player down by the block, which allows the ball handler to either attack the basket or kick the ball out through any one of the unobstructed passing lanes. Eventually, this leads to an open shot.

On a separate, but no less significant note, the Panthers have struggled to endure their road trips, losing all 14 games this season, nine of which were played against conference opponents.

In order for Eastern to manufacture a trip to the Ford Center in the next few years, the team will need to restructure its metaphorical engine part by part.

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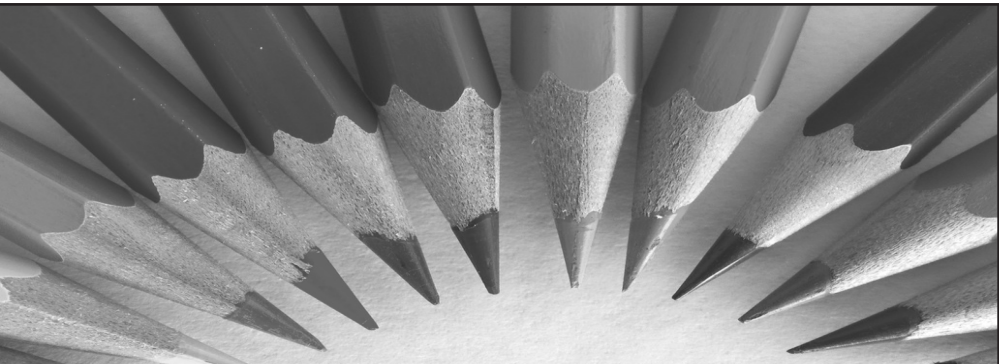
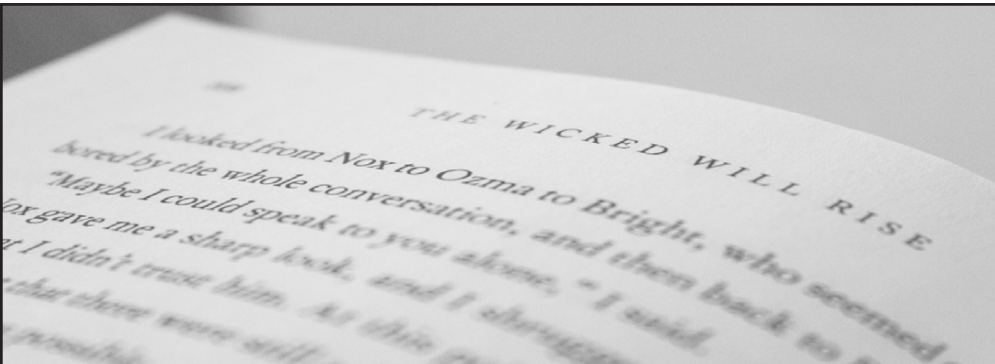


CORRECTION:

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The Sports Desk regrets the error.


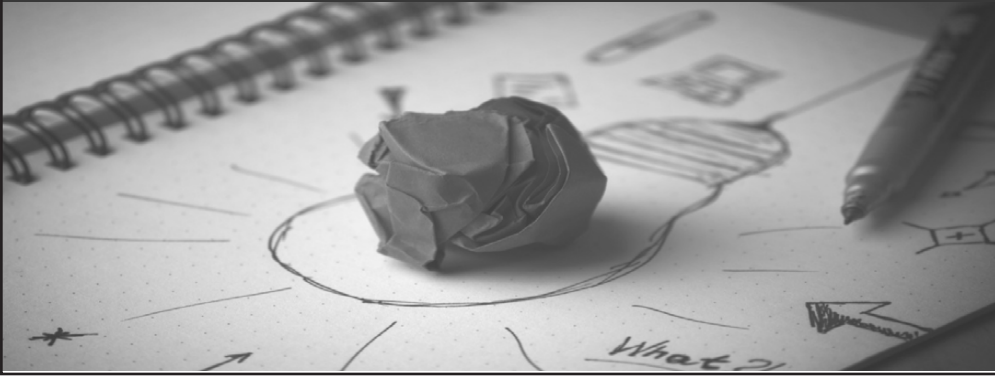




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Freshman finds confidence on track

By Kaitlin Cordes
Track & Field Reporter | @DEN_Sports

Freshman Kate Bushue is still trying to gain her footing on the Eastern track and field team. However, Bushue said her performance last Friday gave her the boost she needed to feel like a solid part of the team.

“Going into track, I believe I’ve become much stronger. Every weekend I can feel and see myself getting fitter and fitter,” Bushue said. “Winning the mile at the Friday Night Special was the icing on the cake and gave me the confidence I needed going into conference.”

Bushue set her collegiate pace in the team’s final meet, the EIU Friday Night Special, with a mile-run time of 5 minutes, 12.04 seconds. Her time in the event pushed her to the third-fastest mile time on the team.

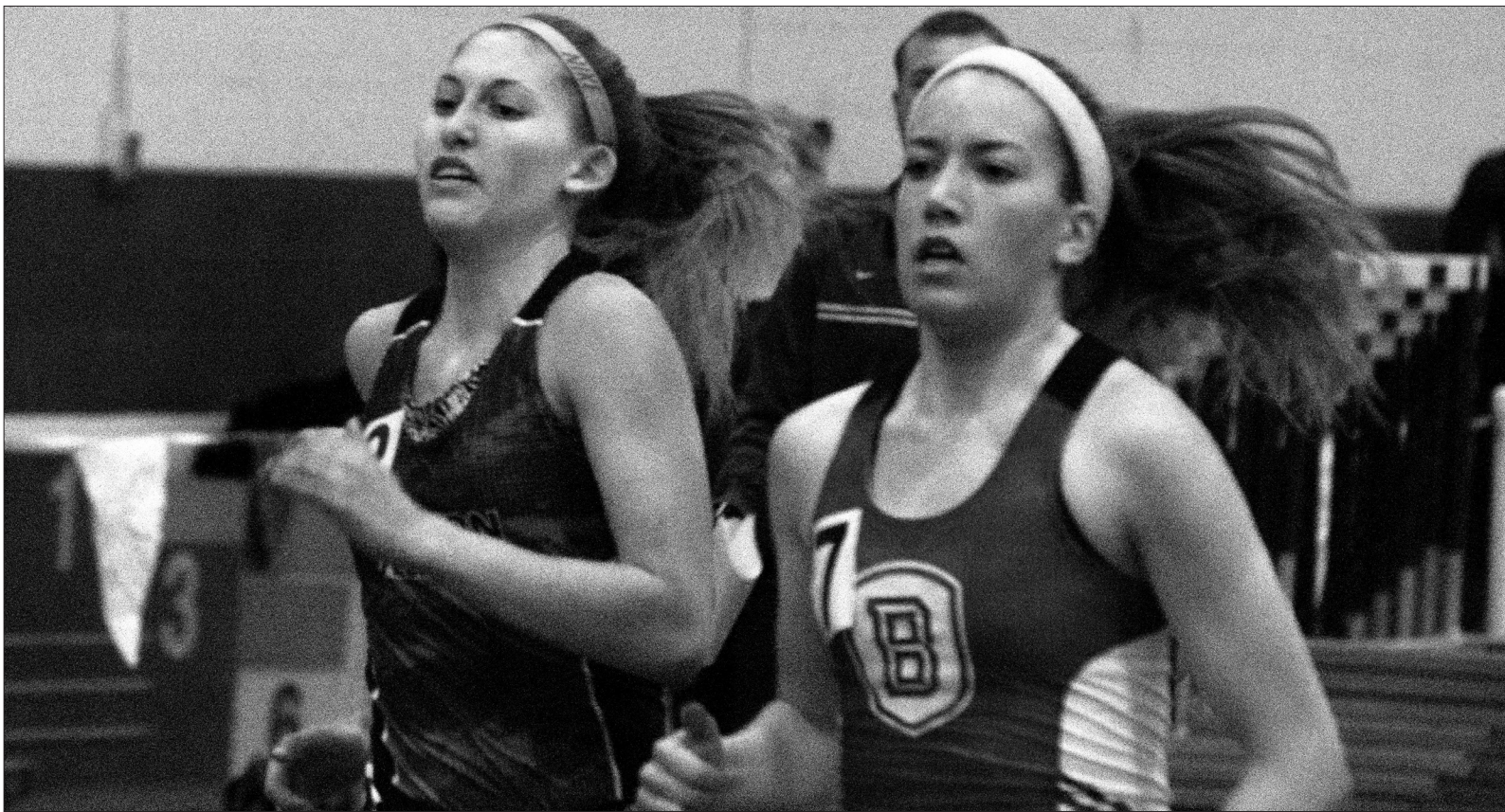
Bushue said a big goal for her this season was to run the mile under the five-minute mark. While she was unable to do so in the regular season, Bushue said she accomplished two other goals she set for herself; running under 10:30 in the 3-kilometer run and breaking 18 minutes in the 5-kilometer race.

She is the third-fastest 3K runner on the team with a season-best time of 10:24.40. Bushue has also pushed herself to be the squad’s second-fastest 5K runner with a time of 17:49.29.

Bushue said earning a personal best in any of her events this weekend would be her biggest short-term goal. Her positive mindset is what she said will lead to her success at the conference meet.

“I think I have accomplished these goals by staying positive and working hard every day in practice. By doing all the little things right, I have been fortunate to see the work paying off in my races,” Bushue said.

Success on the track is nothing



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Kate Bushue, a kinesiology and sports studies major (left), competes in the women’s one mile run Saturday afternoon in the Fieldhouse at Antz Arena.

new to Bushue. In her senior year at Mount Vernon High School, Bushue was the conference champion in the mile, two-mile and the 4x800-meter relay. Her team won the sectional and Bushue qualified for state competition in the mile, placing eighth and earning All-State recognition.

Bushue said track has been in her life since she was in fifth grade, when her parents encouraged her to hone her boundless energy into a sport.

Bushue said her parents and others continue to be her biggest cheerleaders now that she competes at the collegiate level.

“My parents are my biggest supporters. I still stay in close contact with my high school coach, who I

will always look up to. My roommate, teammate, and best friend at EIU, Ashley Gilmore, gets me through it all,” Bushue said.

There have been some major adjustments for the Mount Vernon native since starting her running career at Eastern. Bushue said the biggest change was the atmosphere.

She said that in high school, she mostly ran with the boys’ team, but now she is surrounded by women who push her to be the best athlete possible, to work hard and stay competitive.

Inspiration is not lacking in Bushue’s life, either, whether it be in track or in her career path. Bushue said she chose to major in physical educa-

tion because of coaches and teachers she’s had in years past.

“I was inspired by my grade school P.E. teacher, Cody Hiller, and my high school assistant track coach, Aaron Webb, to choose this major. I want to coach cross country and track while being a physical education teacher,” Bushue said.

Bushue is in the process of certification to teach kindergarten through 12th grade, but she said her ultimate goal is to teach high school students. She said she plans to earn her master’s degree to become an athletic director.

Perhaps one of the most unique things about Bushue is her hobbies. Bushue said she’s an avid shopper,

and she loves to watch cooking competitions. She is also an active vintage postcard collector and said she loves to explore antique stores to find them.

Bushue’s talent is not something that can be found at an old antiques store. It is clear that she has a lot to offer Eastern’s track and field and cross country teams. Bushue said being a Panther fills her with the utmost pride.

“To be able to put on the uniform and represent EIU is a privilege that I don’t ever want to take for granted,” Bushue said.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

OVC standings shaping up for playoff time

By Maher Kawash
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The Eastern men’s basketball team secured its trip to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament with a win over Tennessee-Martin Saturday, but there is still plenty of action left ahead of the postseason.

The Panthers have their bid in hand, yet their opponent for the first round is still to be determined, and this final week of games will shape that out.

Eastern holds the seventh spot in the standings right now, and if things continue this way, that is where the team will stay for the tournament with a first-round matchup against Tennessee Tech.

But two last home games against conference-elite Murray State followed by a game against the team trying to take the Panthers’ seventh spot, Southern Illinois–Edwardsville.

As Eastern tries to close out its seeding for the postseason, other teams are trying to do the same.

The top two regular season finishers earn that coveted double-bye, which sends them straight to the semi-finals.

Right now, Murray State and Belmont would earn that, as both teams hold a 14-2 conference record.

The Racers get an easier matchup by facing Eastern on Thursday, despite it being on the road, then follow that with another road game at Austin Peay (11-5).



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Eastern senior Muusa Dama drives the lane in a game against Jacksonville State on Feb. 1. Eastern lost the game 75-56, Dama scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds in the loss.

Belmont also hits the road Thursday but has to do so against another team with plenty to play for, Jacksonville State, who at 9-7 sits one game back of the fourth seed in the OVC tournament.

The Bruins then get another physical

matchup, facing 10-6 Tennessee State at home in the regular season-finale.

So, the intriguing aspect is all on the table as the two best teams to this point in the OVC will test the teams right behind them in the standings.

Austin Peay has been impressive to this point, and if either Murray State or Belmont falter in this final week, the Governors are in the best position to capitalize and earn that double-bye.

If they are going to do that, the Gov-

ernors must capitalize on their game against Southern Illinois–Edwardsville Thursday, even if it is on the road.

That final game of the regular season at home against Murray State could go a long way in deciding who comes out on top in the postseason tournament as that double-bye is proven to be helpful.

While those conference leaders battle it out at the top of the standings, this conference has shown in recent years with winners like Austin Peay and Jacksonville State, that the lower seeded teams can make a difference too.

Tennessee Tech is a wildcard in the OVC, quietly pushing to a 9-7 record with two games left, which as of right now, is good for the sixth spot in the tournament.

The Golden Eagles have a solid chance to improve that seeding though as their final two games come against the two teams above them, Tennessee State and Jacksonville State.

The Gamecocks are dealt the toughest task of facing Belmont Thursday, and Tennessee Tech has the upper hand in the regular season finale between the two as the Golden Eagles host Jacksonville State in that pivotal game.

The OVC has carried plenty of intrigue all season long and now with one week to go, every win counts as teams push for the highest seed possible.

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